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AAUW promotes equity for women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.



"STRONG WOMEN IN FILM"

Wednesday, October 15, 2003
7:00 p.m.

West Hills Assisted Living Community
5595 West Hills Road, Corvallis

The speaker for this second program in our series for this year's theme, "Women Making a Difference", is one of our own AAUW members, Kori McDonald, who will be discussing "Strong Women in Film".

Kori moved to Oregon in 1990, where she received her Master's Degree in English Literature at OSU. She also holds AA, BA, and MAIS degrees. Before coming to Corvallis, Kori was Regional Division Manager for Columbia Records, a position she held for about 10 years. She then worked in management for Coca-Cola for about five years. Kori is a talented and experienced business woman and teacher. We are proud to have her as the main speaker at our October 15th Meeting.

Kori's program will include film clips of women in literature, and actual women, who have followed their own paths, in spite of times and circumstances. You may not necessarily like all the women presented in film, but that is not important. What is important is that you gain a perspective on how some women become or remain strong, in spite of all odds.

This program is designed to have you take notice, perhaps sit up a little straighter in your chair, and maybe even feel better about yourself.

Also to be introduced at this meeting will be Anne-Lise Olsen, an AAUW member, who will briefly tell about a woman or women who have made a difference in her life, encouraging her to move ahead and achieve her goals.

Please join us for this inspiring evening of "Women Making a Difference".



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From Stef's Stylus

AAUW: Women Making a Difference

AAUW has been Making a Difference from its inception in 1881 and with the first AAUW research paper by Marion Talbot to show that "college women were no less healthy than other American women."^[1]

The Educational Foundation has funded research which documents the inequities of our educational system from K-12 through post-graduate studies. The seminal report, *How Schools Shortchange Girls* gave administrators, teachers and parents the tools they needed to change how we educate our students, male and female.

The Legal Advocacy Foundation provides both economic and emotional support to women in higher education who are forced to fight sex discrimination in the courts. Those of you who attended the AAUW of Oregon Convention in Pendleton heard Vickie Dugan so articulately tell the story of her discrimination by Oregon State University and of what AAUW support meant to her. With your LAF donation, her success story can be repeated wherever women suffer sex discrimination in higher education.



Our mission is to 'Promote Equity for All Women and Girls, Lifelong Education and Positive Societal Change.' Our branch of AAUW has sponsored events during the last year which will have a lasting effect on the lives of women and girls. Your donations, and your volunteer time have allowed women and girls to experience non-traditional careers, learn about returning to college, and provided scholarships for women returning to college. You have opened doors for and provided encouragement to women and girls considering college.

Please continue your support by volunteering to work on the Transitions Conference and the Murder Mystery fundraiser, by contributing and buying books at the LAF book sale and by purchasing EF Poinsettias. Your poinsettia will decorate the Holiday Tea on December 5, and will be a beautiful addition to your holiday decor afterwards. Look for the order form on page 9.

AAUW women is an organization of women who change the world, who promote equity, engage in lifelong education and most importantly are "Women Making a Difference."

Stefani McRae-Dickey

President

[1] Susan Levine, *Degrees of Equality* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1995), 7



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V.P. Membership
Jan Rounds, 754-7730
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Dorothy Ruff

A GREAT BIG welcome to all of our newest members. It's exciting to see so many interesting women joining our branch. Together we can accomplish great things for women and girls! I hope our new members will enjoy getting to know the rest of us in the coming months—and when you read the following bios, and those in future newsletters, you'll definitely want to get to know *them!* You'll have an opportunity to do so at our upcoming October 25th New Members Coffee. A huge "thank you" goes to Lori Hodgert for these bios!

Getting Acquainted with Our New Members

Laura Gleaves may be new to our branch, but she's a veteran AAUW gal, holding previous memberships in Coos Bay, Eugene, and Lake Washington. She has 14 years of graduate study under her belt at U of O. She shared her expertise at Lane County Health Department as a child health educator and also worked as a substitute teacher at the secondary level.

She's proud of her husband, Bill, who is retired from the forest products industry, and her four children and nine grandchildren. Laura spends her free time gardening, golfing, playing with her grandchildren, doing Tai Chi, reading, playing bridge and cards, and walking. As you can see she has many interests. Seek her out at the next meeting.

Anyone who volunteers their time helping others is a gem, and new member **Mary Gisler** is just such a person. She currently works with a bereavement group assisting people facing loss. Prior to settling in Corvallis almost 40 years ago (and with her science degree from OSU) she taught home economics to students in California and sewing to adults.

Now retired, Mary and her family were kept busy as row crop farmers on Kiger Island. She's grown to appreciate the arts and music and likes to read, work with dried and silk flowers, entertain, write, and loves going to the Coast. Say "Hi" to Mary, and make a new friend!

This is really what **Jerry Hilliard** wrote in her new member survey: "I would like to participate in reading group, make new friends, and learn more about AAUW and the programs it supports." Wow, we are so glad to have you, Jerry! She comes to us having completed a BS and MS from OSU, but has been unemployed since 2000. She's lived in Ontario, Calif., Salem, and Coos Bay.

A Corvallis resident since 1961, Jerry is married with three daughters and three granddaughters. Her interests include, reading, walking, working out, golfing, gardening, entertaining and traveling. Remember, one of the reasons she joined was to make friends, and don't we all resonate with that! Be sure to welcome her.

If you need an update on peace and justice issues of all kinds, have a chat with new member **Linda Lamb**. She has a big heart and a great education from Stanford University in cultural anthropology. She is currently managing editor for a small consumer-health press patient-centered guide.

She does other interesting things like traveling to New Zealand, working with a Corvallis project to adopt a minefield in Afghanistan, and church work (particularly around nonviolent resistance and education). She also enjoys reading, films, nature walks. Linda wrote on her new member survey, "I'm an important person in my granddaughter Cassi's life!" Linda, we're sure you'll be important to us, too. Welcome aboard.

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Barbara Mykrantz, 753-0188
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Time to order your poinsettias for the holiday season!

This is one of only a few annual money raisers for the AAUW Educational Foundation. The Foundation provides scholarships and grants for women and supports various research projects concerning women and girls.

Our supplier, once again, is Peoria Gardens, a local business that has delivered quality plants. Order for yourself and for gifts for your friends and neighbors.

Orders have to be placed by Friday, October 24th. The poinsettias can be picked up at the December 5th Holiday Tea at the home of Shirley Wirth.

If you prefer not to purchase a plant, you can still participate in this holiday fundraiser by sending a tax-deductible donation made payable to "AAUW Educational Foundation".



If there are any questions, please call either Barbara or Betty.

MEMBERS

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Eddie Lee has spent her spare time in an unusual way: she was once part of a hot air balloon crew, until decided she'd like to sleep later than 5:30 a.m. on weekends! (Hmmm, we must ask her about this. It could be our next new interest group!) Her family includes her son, who is a sound designer in Ashland and works for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (among other projects). He does several plays each year and Eddie loves to go to them. She also has a daughter who is a web designer and co-owner of a quilting business.

Eddie has many other interests; she takes summer ecology classes at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport and loves to hang out at her beach house. She works at OSU as a systems analyst for Central Computing. Eddie was born in Stamford, Conn., went to college in New Brunswick, New York, took courses at the Univ. of Georgia., but her BA in biology is from Rutgers and BS in computer sciences is from OSU. An AAUW welcome to you, Eddie.

Additions to the new yearbook

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2003–05 BIENNIAL ACTION PRIORITIES (Adopted June 2003)

Biennial priorities for federal action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution.

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls in elementary and secondary education
- Increased support for, and access to, higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates

- Fairness in compensation
- Equitable access and advancement in employment
- Vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes
- Greater availability of and access to quality, affordable dependent care
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the work force
- Strengthening programs, including welfare, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- Social Security and Medicare reform that guarantees improved retirement security for women and all low-wage workers

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates

- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights
- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities
- Expansion of health rights for women, families, and children
- Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns

AAUW of Oregon Co-sponsors State of the State for Women, Families

Alice Bartelt, Public Policy Chair, AAUW of OR

AAUW of Oregon, in conjunction with six other women's organizations, is co-sponsoring a unique forum on how the longest legislative session in Oregon's history will affect women and families.

This special State of the State forum will take place on Tuesday, October 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the YWCA in downtown Portland (1111 SW 10th Avenue). Speakers, drawn from a pool of experts on legislative issues, will focus on Women's Health Care, Poverty and Hunger Issues, and Domestic Violence.

Co-sponsoring groups include the American Association of University Women of Oregon, the League of Women Voters of Oregon, SAVE Coalition (Soroptimists Against Violent Environments), Women of Reform Judaism/Beth Israel Sisterhood, Women's Rights Coalition, and the YWCA of Greater Portland.

This event is free and open to the public. To learn more, please call the NCJW office at 503/222-5006. To RSVP, call 503-294-7488.



New Member Coffee
Saturday, October 25th
10–11:30am

It is time to honor and get to know our newest members: Charlotte Drost, Mary Gisler, Laura Gleaves, Kathy Higdon, Jerry Hilliard, Stephanie Jorgenson, Linda Lamb, Edie Lee, Ann Mills, Cathy Phelps, Jan Tallis, Pam Turner, and Robin Walters.

We will gather at the lovely, historic home of Diana Bernstein. It is located at 10 N.W. Edgewood Dr. Edgewood Drive is just off Grant Ave. near the top of the hill.

This is an opportunity for all members to enjoy each other's company in a delightful, beautiful, and casual environment.

See you there!

Corvallis Fall Festival
Volunteers still needed

AAUW volunteers are still needed for our Fall Festival table,
Sept. 27 & 28.

Volunteers are automatically entered into our drawing for a
round trip ticket from **Anthony's Airporter!**

Please contact Dorothy Ruff, 929-4629, or email
cunninghamrt@comcast.net.

Caring and Sharing

(Contact Stefani McRae-Dickey at mcraedic@peak.org with information)

Carol Nelson, AAUW member and Westland Middle School teacher received a Mario D. Pastega Golden Apple Award for teaching excellence. She was recognized for her innovative methods of putting the spark into learning. Carol engages reluctant learners and challenges high achievers with such programs as the Greek Olympics and a medieval banquet. She is also a mentor to student teachers. Congratulations, Carol, on winning a Golden Apple award!

From Branch member, Linda Lovett:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. To promote awareness, the Benton County Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition is making available free copies of *Transitions*, a short book chronicling the survival stories of local residents. You may find the book at various sites throughout Corvallis, such as the library, local merchants, and medical centers. The Coalition also is selling signed prints of the cover art by local artist and food writer Jan Roberts-Dominguez for \$25, with proceeds to benefit the Coalition. *Transitions* and the print will be available at the Corvallis Saturday market and at Fall Festival. Linda Lovett contributed to *Transitions*, and as a result of her involvement recently became an American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery volunteer and a member of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition. To request a copy of *Transitions* or to purchase a poster, you can contact Linda at llovett4@compuserve.com or 738-6875.

Afternoon Literature Group

Meets on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Louise Livesay, 753-4813

October 14

"*Brown*" by Richard Rodriguez

Hostess: Marilyn Roland
4099 NW Live Oak Pl.
752-5257

Reviewer: Carolyn Moore

Book for November : *Mrs. Dalloway & The Hours*

Evening Literature Group

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Nancy Tolin, 752-6656

October 1

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

Hostess: Joyce Carver
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Reviewer: Ann Brodie

November 5

The Alienist by Caleb Carr

Hostess: Ann Brodie
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Reviewer: Shirley Woods

As You Like It

(sponsored by the membership committee)

Let's go see Shakespeare's "As You Like It" playing Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Withycombe Hall (corner of 30th and Campus Way) on the OSU campus. Call Rosemary Cunningham at 753-1319 for ticket information. She has reserved 20 discounted tickets for AAUW members and their friends/spouses.

Gourmet Group

Our Taste of Cuba dinner in August was a grand success. Now it's time to start planning to attend the Friday, October 17th Dinner, with a Middle-Eastern Theme. The dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and recipes will be sent out ahead of the dinner. So, just mark your calendar, if you'd like to attend, and be sure to R.S.V.P. by Sunday, 10/5, at the latest. Space may be limited and tables will be filled on a first-come, first served basis.

You may want to mark your calendar for the upcoming dinners.

They are as follows:

Oct. 17 – Middle East

Jan. 17 – Russia

March 13 – Argentina/Chile

May 22 – Scandinavia

August – Date/Menu TBA

R.S.V.P. to any of the Gourmet Group co-chairs:

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P.S. We are always looking for Hostesses. If you could host a dinner for one of these dates, for 8 people, or more, please let one of us know. Thanks. And, of course, your ideas are always welcome. Bon Appetit!

No-Host Lunch

We had a great time at our September 24th lunch at Murphy's--if you missed it, it's not too late. Plan to join other AAUW members for a drop-in lunch in October. The lunch will be at McGrath's, on Circle Blvd. (by K-mart). We will meet to eat at 11:30, in order to avoid the noon rush. They offer some great lunch specials. You may want to check your local coupons for discounts. If you'd like to bring a gardening tip to share, that would be great. Otherwise, just come and visit, eat, and enjoy! Any questions? Contact: Carolyn Moore 758-0271 or e-mail CrCAROLYN@aol.com (I don't know about you, but I enjoy being "Out to Lunch"!)

Lunch is on the 4th Wednesday of the month--this month it will be on Oct. 22nd, at McGrath's, at 11:30. Hope to see you there!!

OCT	Activity	Time	Location
1	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Joyce Carver, 2322 Kiger Island Drive
2	"As You Like It"	7:30 p.m.	Playing at Withycombe Hall
13	Board Meeting	12:30 – 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut
14	Afternoon Lit Group	2 p.m.	Marilyn Roland, 4099 NW Live Oak Pl.
15	Newsletter Deadline		
17	Gourmet Group	7:00 p.m.	RSVP by 10–5–03
22	No–Host Lunch	11:30 a.m.	McGrath's on Circle Blvd.

NOV	Activity	Time	Location
5	Evening Lit Group	7:30 p.m.	Ann Brodie, 3145 NW Seneca Pl.
10	Board Meeting	12:30 to 2 p.m.	US Bank, corner of Ninth & Walnut

